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Building tobacco-free communities in Tompkins, Cortland, and Cayuga Counties.

TO: **All Cortland County Tobacco Retailers**
FROM: **Cortland County Health Department &**
Tompkins-Cortland-Cayuga Tobacco Control Coalition
RE: **Local Law No. 6**
DATE: **October 16, 1997**

On October 3, 1997 the Cortland County Legislature unanimously passed Local Law No. 6 prohibiting the self-service sale of tobacco products which goes into effect 60 days thereafter. The Cortland County Health Department and the Tompkins-Cortland-Cayuga Tobacco Control Coalition would like to help each retail establishment ease its transition into this new law. Therefore, we have developed this packet of information which should be of assistance to you in an effort to become in compliance with the law.

Please read all of the information in this packet and fill out the enclosed postage-paid postcard so that we can determine if you need any additional help or an on-site consultation. Please note that the return of this postcard is very important to our helping you comply with Local Law No. 6.

There are a few suggestions we recommend that you consider in your compliance efforts to make this change as easy as possible for your establishment:

1) Begin to think of your tobacco products as a valuable such as jewelry which you would not want accessible to your clients; this will help you to determine where your tobacco products should be placed.
2) If in doubt about what is acceptable for compliance, contact the Health Department before beginning any major reconstruction of your sales area; Health Department staff are available to review your plans.
3) Request an on-site inspection before the law goes into effect on December 3, 1997 to be sure your establishment is in compliance.
4) Call Joan Guard at the Environmental Health Division, 753-5035, to arrange a consultation or on-site visit as needed.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping our community reduce youth tobacco use, a very serious public health problem, through the prohibition of self-service tobacco displays. If you need any additional educational information, contact Terry Gefell, Health Education Division, at 756-3416.

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